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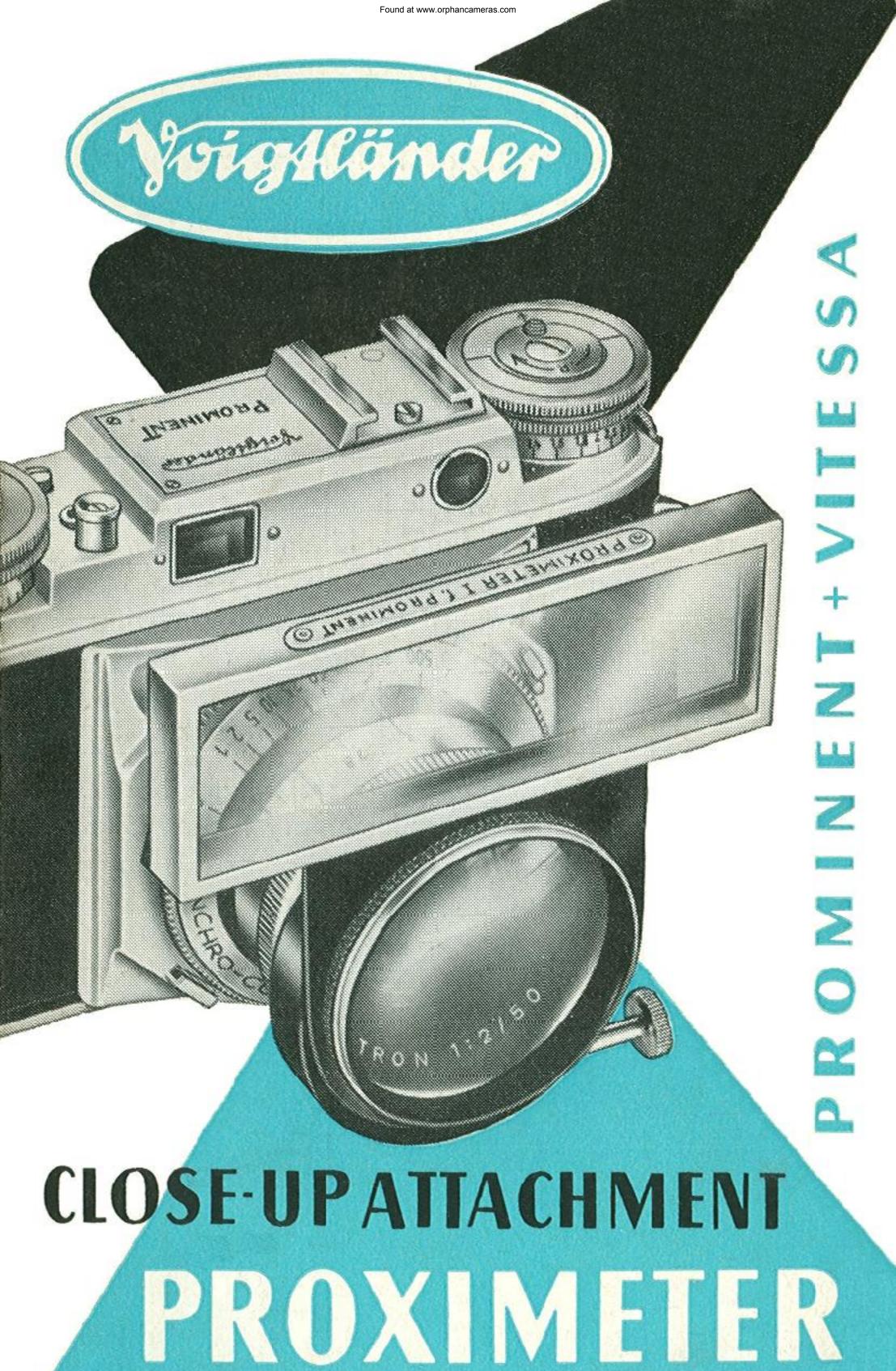
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arge-scale views of small objects and animals, or full-frame copies of pictures and documents are particularly fascinating and interesting subjects — and often important for professional purposes. The Voigtländer PROXI-METER for the Prominent and Vitessa makes the job really simple.

The special advantage of this ideal close-up attachment is that it permits hand-held near shots with the camera instantly ready for action — an important point with live or other rapidly moving subjects. At the same time the viewfinder parallax error is automatically corrected, and even at closest range the eye views the image as at infinity.

These features of the Proximeter system are based on two firmly connected supplementary lenses. One is a positive meniscus element for the camera lens, and the other a spheric/prismatic unit to deflect the rays going through the two rangefinder windows. As a result the camera lens is coupled to the rangefinder just as accurately at close range as over the normal focusing range

from infinity to 31/2 feet.

The Optical System

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

The PROXIMETER close-up attachment is available in two focal lenghts covering the following focusing ranges:

PROXIMETER I (focal length 38 in. or 95 cm.): 371/2 to 191/2 inches (94 to 49 cm.)

PROXIMETER II (focal length 20 in. or 50 cm.): 191/2 to 13 inches (49 to 33 cm.)

Combining the Proximeter I and II produces a focal length of 13 inches (33 cm.), covering a focusing range from 13 to 10 inches (33 to 24,5 cm.).

Mounting the Attachment on the Camera. Slack off the milled screw at the side of the Proximeter, push the clamping ring over the lens mount, and tighten the screw. Make sure that the metal frame of the Proximeter is parallel to the top edge of the camera. When using two units together, always mount the Proximeter II on the camera lens, and the Proximeter I on the front mount of the Proximeter II; never the other way round! For removal, therefore, the mount of the Proximeter I has to be released first.

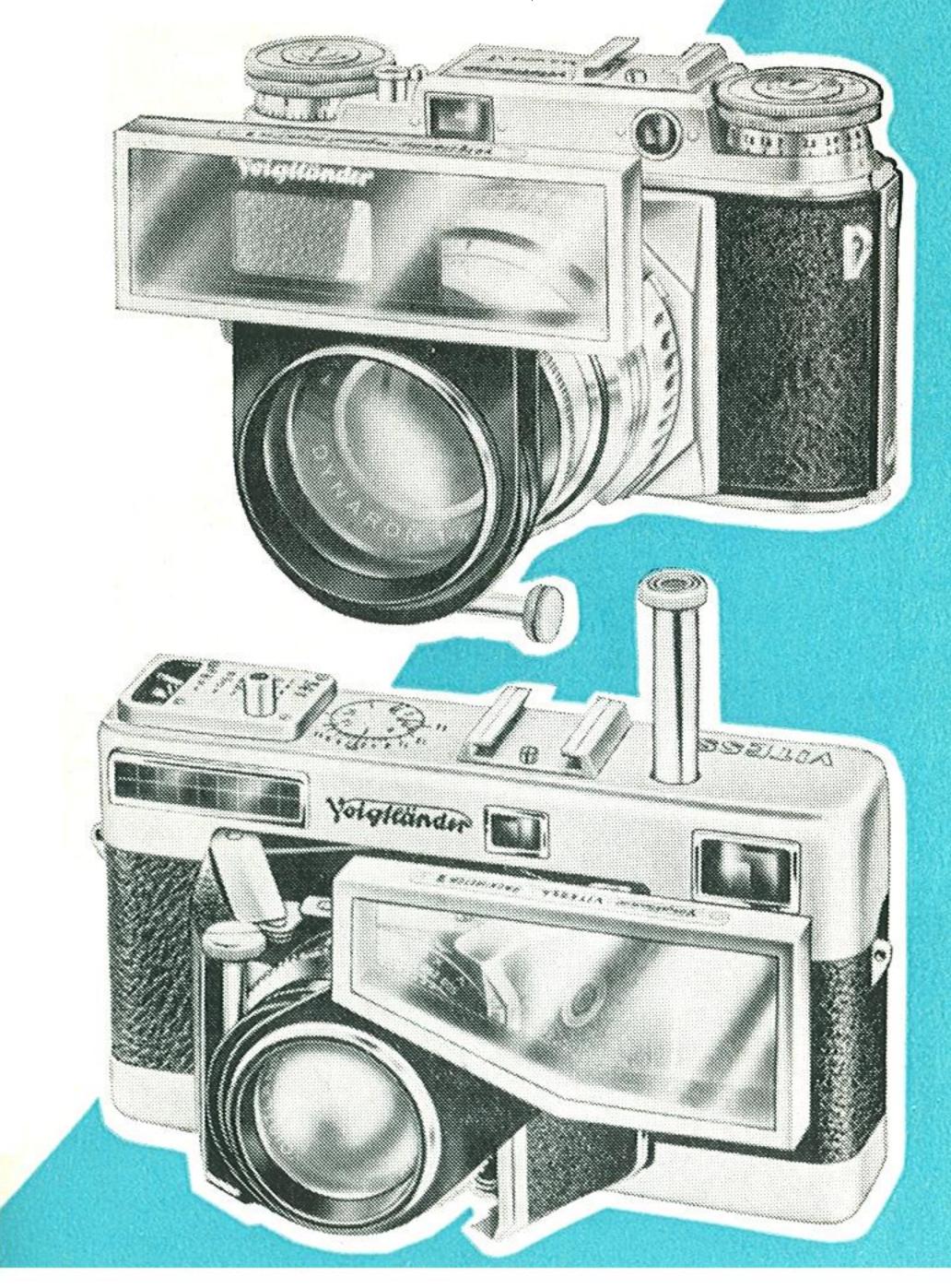
Field Mask. For shots with the 4 inch (10 cm.) Dynaron f/4.5 telephoto lens a special field mask is available which is fixed on the lens mount in a position between the camera lers and the Proximeter (see illustration top right).

Aperture and Depth of Field. To ensure adequate depth of field in the picture, it is advisable to stop down to at least f/5.6 or f/8, or when copying documents even to f/8 or f/11. The tables on the following pages give the available depth of field at various apertures and distance settings.

Exposure. The use of the Proximeter does not call for any exposure compensation. The exposure is best determined with the aid of a photoelectric exposure meter. When working with filters the appropriate filter factor must of course be taken into account. The filter slips or screws over the outer mount of the Proximeter.

Taking the Picture. Sight the subject and focus the image within the distance range of the Proximeter used by means of the camera rangefinder. The rectangular finder frame shows the exact limits of the field of view.

Note: When working with the Proximeter I and II combined on the Vitessa, it is advisable to confine the subject within a negative area of 24 x 24 mm.



Scale of Reproduction and Size of Subject

	distance							
	3′ 1″	2' 6"	1' 71/2"	1'1"	91/2"			
f = 50	1:18.1	1:14.6	1:9.4	1:6.4	1: 4.8			
mm	1'5" x 2'1 ¹ / ₂ "	1'2" x 1'9"	8 ¹ / ₂ " x 1'1 ¹ / ₂ "	6" x 9"	4 ¹ / ₂ " x 6 ¹ / ₂ "			
f == 100	1:9.5	1:7.7	1:5	1 : 3.3	1:2.5			
mm	9" x 1' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	7" x 10 ¹ / ₂ "	4 ¹ / ₂ " x 7"	3" x 4 ¹ / ₂ "	$2^{1/2}'' \times 3^{1/2}''$			



Taken without Proximeter Distance 3'31/4" (1 m.)

Comparison of Pictures (lens f = 50 mm.)

Taken with Proximeter I Distance 1'71/2" (49 cm.)

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Taken with Proximeter II Distance 1'21/2" (33 cm.)



Taken with Proximeter II + I Distance 10" (24.5 cm.)

II + I



DEPTH OF FIELD TABLES

	Camera	Subject sharpest	Dep	th of	Field Z	one at	Apertu	re
	Lens set	sharpest	f/5.	6	f/1	1	f/2	2
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PROXIMETER I and 2 inch (5 cm.) camera lens

∞	3′1″	2′101/2′	3'31/2"	2'81/2"	3′7″	2′5″	4'31/2"
10′	2'41/2"	2′3″	2'6"	$2'1^{1/2}''$	2'8"	1'11"	3′0″
3′6″	1'71/2"	1′7″	1'81/2"	1′6″	1'91/2"	1′5″	1/11"

PROXIMETER II and 2 inch. (5 cm.) camera lens

∞	1'71/2"	1′7″	1'81/2"	1'1/2"	1'91/2"	1′5″	1'111/2"
10′	1'41/2"	1'4"	1′5″	1′31/2″	1'6"	1'21/2"	1'7"
3′6″	1′1″	1'1/2"	1'11/2"	1′6″	1′2″	1′0″	1"21/2"

PROXIMETER II + I and 2 inch. (5 cm.) camera lens

	1′1″	7/1	1'11/2"	1'1/2"	1'11/2"	1′0″	1"21/2"
10′	$11^{1/2}$ "	$11^{1/2}{''}$	1′0″	11"	7'1/2"	$10^{1/2}$ "	1'1/2"
3′6″	10"	91/2"		91/2"	101/2"		11"

PROXIMETER I and 4 inch. (10 cm.) camera lens

∞	3′1″	2'111/2'	3'2"	2′11″	3'3"	2'9"	3'6"
10′	2'41/2"	2'4"	2'51/2"	2′3″	2'6"	2′2″	2'71/2"
3′6″	1'71/2"	1'71/2"	1′8″	177"	1'81/2"	1'61/2"	1′9″

PROXIMETER II and 4 inch. (10 cm.) camera lens

∞	1'71/2"	1'71/2"	1′8″	1′7′″	1'81/2"	1'61/2"	1'91/2"
10′	1'41/2"	$1'4^{1/2}''$	1′5″	1'4"	1'51/2"	1'31/2"	1′6″
3′6″	1′1″	1′1″]']1/2"	1′¹/2″	1′2″	1'1/2"	1′2″

PROXIMETER II+I and 4 inch. (10 cm.) camera lens

∞	1′1″	1′1″	1'11/2"	1'1/2"	1'11/2"	1'1/2"	1'11/2"
10′	1 1 $^{1}/_{2}$ "	$11^{1/2}''$	1′0″	$11^{1/2}''$	1′0″	11"	1′0″
3′6″	10"	10″		91/2"	101/2"	$9^{1/2}''$	101/2"

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	Art. No.	CODE
PROXIMETER I for Prominent	93/185	PYIRP
PROXIMETER II for Prominent	93/186	PYIVT
FIELD MASK		4 1
for 100 mm Dynaron f/4.5	93/189	PYUNP
PROXIMETER I for Vitessa	93/187	PYIZY
PROXIMETER II for Vitessa	93/188	PYUJK
LEATHER CASE		
for Proximeter Prominent	90/131	PYURS
for Proximeter Vitessa	90/132	PYUST
for Field Mask	90/133	PYUXY

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